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# Russia's Welcome to Visitors

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MOSCOW.—In the last few weeks Russia's red carpet has suddenly been laid down not only before Senators and Congressmen but for such highly unofficial persons as a young psychology instructor at Boston University who recently found himself touring Soviet hospitals for the mentally ill that had never before been visited by Westerners, addressing large audiences over Moscow Radio, and interviewing Russia's leading psychiatrists.

For the average American one of the delightful aspects of international life is that the Russians have no real way of distinguishing between a V.I.P. and non-V.I.P. American. For the post-Geneva spirit of cordiality has been inaugurated rather suddenly. In the safe side, the Russians—a very fair people—give out V.I.P. treatment. For that's the current line.

In fact, many Americans, including Congressmen and Senators, who have had the initiative to come on their own to explore this red wonderland are receiving unexpected profit—comparatively speaking.

These days visiting Senators like Estes Kefauver, of Tenn., don't just visit Soviet tractor plants. They climb on the tractors and drive them off the assembly line.

Any American who is anybody—and who is willing—talks over Moscow Radio. More than ten Americans have spoken over the radio in the last two weeks.

Among the roster of prominent speakers this fall and late summer have been William Douglas, Supreme Court Justice, Sen. Malone, of Nev., assorted visiting businessmen and such Americans as Harold Berman, Professor of Law at Harvard University and a specialist in Soviet justice.

As good an example as any about how individual American enterprise can pay off even in proletarian Russia is the case of Albert Mayfield, psychology teacher at Boston University.

As early as last spring Mayfield noticed the press reports of increased cordiality in Soviet policy, as well as the adventures of a few Americans who had made the trip to the U.S.S.R.

He got to thinking about it and decided that perhaps as a psychologist he could cash in on this new spirit especially since no American had even been able to do any research in this particular field—psychology—in Russia.

Somewhat to his surprise, the visa came through very promptly. Given the opportunity, Mr. Mayfield decided to enlist some financial help from organizations that might be interested in his line of research. And with a few letters of introduction in his pocket as well as a few letters written to Soviet officials, he set out, hoping that the trip would not be in vain.

His hopes were more than justified. Despite the fact that he was an obscure psychologist traveling on his own, Mr.

Mayfield was given special tours of three hospitals for the mentally ill, introduced to Russia's leading psychiatrists and given their disclosure on the difference between the Soviet approach to psychology and that in the Western world.

They found the Russians do not believe in prolonged psychoanalysis and do not accept Western emphasis on the power of the subconscious.

Given the proper environment and proper physical health, as is the Russian view, that human beings have, they will power the overtones and control the subconscious. The Russians have little regard for Freud and his real discovery of Western science in psychology. Instead, they base much of their psychology on the conditioned reflex, as developed through the experiments and theories of the Soviet scientist, Pavlov.

But the Russians would accept it have treated Mayfield better had he been officially designated as a member of a governmental delegation.

And Mayfield, incidentally, in his turn, often spoke over Moscow radio.

The same sort of V.I.P. treatment was accorded Prof. Harold Berman of Harvard law school, a specialist in Soviet justice.

The professor, who also carried out some commercial inquiries for firms in the United States, spent more than forty hours with Russia's top jurists as well as another forty hours with her leading trade specialists.

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